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(54) Occluding catheter for treating cerebral arteries.

(57) An occlusion catheter for use during therapeutic intervention of a blood vessel for flushing away debris including an elongated guide catheter (20) sized to be introduced into the blood vessel, an occlusion balloon (12) located at or near the distal end of the catheter and an inflation lumen (18) integral with the

guide catheter and communicating with the interior of the balloon enabling the balloon to be inflated to form a seal between the balloon and the blood vessel wall. The balloon is capable of being expanded to at least 5 times its deflated diameter when inflated.

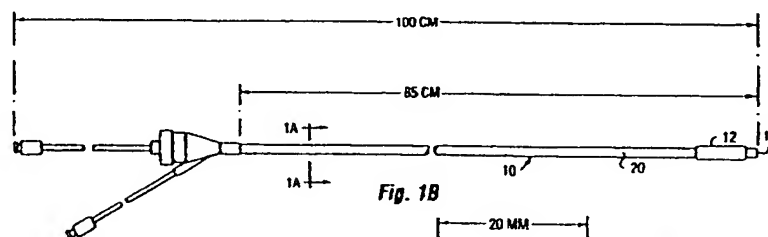


Fig. 1B

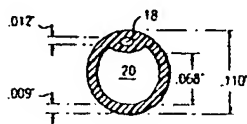


Fig. 1A

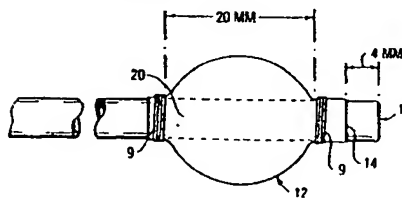


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3. Claim 6: Double balloon catheter.

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